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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE SHIFT IN CZECHOSLOVAK TRADE

AWAY FROM FRG

REF: A) PRAGUE 1891, B) BONN 10375, C) PRAGUE 1368,
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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED SUBJECT WITH W. F. WACHENDORFER,

CHIEF OF OFFICE IN ECON MINISTRY WHICH MOST CLOSELY RESEMBLES OIM IN USDOC AND WHICH HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR FRG REPRESENTATION IN FOREIGN TRADE AFFAIRS. FRG OFFICIAL FEELS THERE HAS BEEN NO REPEAT NO TREND OF CHANNELING CZECH TRADE AWAY FROM FRG AND HE IS UNAWARE OF ANY RECENT DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES AGAINST FRG.

2. HE SAID THAT HE HAD HEARD TALK ABOUT SUCH TRENDS BUT ATTRIBUTES SUCH TALK TO A SPILL-OVER OF ANTI-GERMAN FEELING CREATED BY THE CELEBRATION OF THE THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF CZECH LIBERATION FROM THE GERMAN OCCUPATION INTO CONVERSATIONS PERTAINING TO TRADE.

3. HE IS FULLY AWARE OF THE PROBLEMS CONCERNING THE INFORMATION STAND AT THE BRNO INDUSTRIAL FAIR. FOR YEARS, THIS STAND HAS BEEN IN AN UNSATISFACTORY LOCATION AND THE BRNO FAIR PEOPLE HAD BEEN AS UNCOOPERATIVE THIS YEAR AS THEY HAD BEEN IN PREVIOUS YEARS TO PROVIDE A BETTER LOCATION. THE ECON MINISTRY HAD CONSIDERED THIS INFORMATION STAND OF MARGINAL VALUE AND WOULD HAVE CLOSED IT THIS YEAR, EXCEPT THAT IT DID NOT WANT TO HURT THE CZECH FEELINGS BECAUSE OF A PLANNED MAJOR FRG SOLO EXHIBITION IN PRAGUE, CO-SPONSORED AND CO-FINANCED BY THE GERMAN MACHINERY ASSOCIATION AND THE ECON MINISTRY.

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